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**Process for controlling the capstan in
a video tape recorder (VTR)**

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In a video tape recorder (VTR), the capstan draws the tape from which the video signal is reproduced in a forward direction. Following steps are proposed to control the capstan :

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- applying a torque to the capstan in a backward direction for a first predetermined period of time ;

- applying a torque to the capstan in the forward direction for a second predetermined period of time ;

- nullifying the motor current.

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This is particularly convenient for slow-motion and still-picture reproduction modes.

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